

## AFTER BELLEW WITH A GUN.

HARRIET COFFIN LIES IN WAIT OUT-  
SIDE PALMER'S THEATRE.

She Meets the Actor and he Calls for a  
Constable—Fighting Against Arrest—She  
is Likely to Go to an Asylum Now.

Harriet E. Coffin, the young woman who  
has followed Actor Kyrle Bellw all over the  
country for a year past under the crazy de-

Miss Coffin has haunted the neighborhood of the theatre ever since Mrs. Potter put on "Antony and Cleopatra." The actor was warned that she was after him, but he was used to it. On Thursday night Miss Coffin sat

In the orchestra and watched the simulated love scenes between Miss Potter and the actor with growing excitement, and she hurried around to the stage door at 31 West Thirtieth street after the play and tried to see Bellow and expostulate. He chanced to go out the

About 6:30 o'clock last night she began to pace up and down in front of the stage entrance, determined to intercept the actor as he went into the theatre. She wore a fur ulster and a becoming bonnet over her jet black tinged hair, and carried a black leather bag.

changed him and carried a black leather hand satchel. Bellow came sauntering along in a light overcoat at 7 o'clock, and Miss Combs stopped him just as he was about to go up the high brown-stone stoop. He didn't recognize her, and she petulantly told her name, and began an unintelligible tirade against him. Then she moved her hand toward her pocket and he vanished into the theatre. Two minutes later

"That d—d woman Coffin is after me again," he said, "and she wants to shoot me." Perry shut the box office door, and ran around to Miss Coffin, who was still at the stage entrance. She made a motion toward her pocket again, but Perry shook his flat at her and

Five minutes later Gasman Joe Driscoll came into the theatre and said that she was hiding in the area way two doors east of the stage door. Perry sent a messenger to Capt. Bell, and Policemen Reed and Dolan came around and

At the station house they took from her pocket a new silver-plated, pearl-handled .32-calibre revolver. Only one of its five chambers was loaded. The prisoner became furious when it was taken from her, and kicked Powell and Weller.

Sergeant Sheldon found a big roll of bills in her pocket, which he returned to her. He took her hand satchel away and looked her up in a cell. An hour later she tried to run her long steel bat pin into the arm of an attendant, and the pin was taken away. She rushed in

Capt. Reilly made an inventory of the miscellany in the satchel. There was a partly emptied box of arsenic wafers, an empty bottle that had contained some narcotic, a rocket.

book containing crumpled new bank notes, and a pawn ticket showing that the prisoner had pledged a ring under her assumed name of Mrs. Stafford at Stern's pawn shop at 56 West Thirty-first street for \$12 on Jan. 15, a lot of correspondence from her attorneys, Charles B. Wilby and Gustavus H. Wald of 218 Main street, Cincinnati.

natl, sixteen paid checks on the Second National Bank at Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street, and a Russian leather diary. The letters apparently indicated that Miss Coffin owns a considerable property in Cincinnati. The checks aggregated \$1,572.99. The diary was filled with references to Bellew's mysterious power over Miss Coffin. She

calls him "her death," and under date of July 11, 1888, wrote this entry:

My Birthday.—Last feeling gone; the love I live for has left me. I feel the strength—my God! I will fall senseless. Have taken a few arsenic wafers, but only two a day.

Nurse ye!

I wish a post-mortem examination.

She also had a newspaper clipping reporting

The prisoner told Sergeant Sheldon that she was 21 years old and lived at 256 West Fifty-sixth street.

Harrett, Oriental, and Grand Hotels. She was turned out of the latter three weeks ago, and the employees had to lock the doors afterward to keep her from forcing her way back to the office. Dr. Swift treated her at the Murray Hill for Insomnia on New Year's Day without knowing who she was.

Miss Coffin's mother lived at 1,133 Madison

She was committed to an asylum here at the time of her last escapade, but fled to Jersey City and has been at large since. About three

months ago she caused the arrest of a respectable merchant in a Fifth avenue stage by charging that he had pressed his knee against hers in an improper way. When her identity was discovered he was released without further explanation.

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**Cold Weather in the Northwest.**

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—The coldest cold wave of the season passed over the Northwest to-day. Neche, Dak., reported 42 degrees below zero this morning. At Morris, Minn., it was 30 below, and at Grand Forks, Dak., 25 below. There was no great intermission to traffic.

**It is Really Going to be Cold.**  
The cold weather in the Northwest is constantly increasing, and is slowly but surely making its way to this city. The line of 30° yesterday cut south-eastward through the lake region, touching Cleveland, Cincinnati and Cairo, and thence running to Texas.

The coldest pce was St. Vincent, Minn. 38° below zero, the greatest cold reached in the United States this winter. Snow was falling in Buffalo and Grand Haven, and it was raining in Florida and Arkansas. It will continue to grow gradually colder here, with clear skies.

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**The Weather Yesterday.**

Indicated by Perry's thermometer. In The

**Signal Office Predictions.**  
For Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, *eastern New York.*

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, fair; much colder; northerly winds.

### JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Mayer Grant was made Chairman yesterday of the board of Street Openings and Improvements.

Samuel Goldberg has been appointed receiver of the American Magazine Company by Justice Patterson of the Supreme Court.

John McDonald, a stenographer in Collector Mason's office in the Custom House, was yesterday appointed private secretary to Appraiser Niagara.

The lecture this evening in the Cooper Union free course will be given by Kestler W. Raymond on "The Present State of the Darwinian Controversy."

Ex-Judge Noah Davis will address a meeting of all the students of New York city on Sunday evening at the concert hall of the Metropolitan Opera House.

Young Mrs. Ween's application for alimony pending her husband's divorce suit is granted, with a reference to John O. Heald to report how much the young husband can pay.

Collector Magone yesterday promoted from \$1,400 to \$1,600 places Charles A. King, W. J. Becker, E. J. Donohue, W. F. Heller, and George H. Brown, and from a \$1,800 to an \$1,900 job Daniel O. Sprague.

Glenn's appeal was on a suggestion from Judge Cook.

The New York Cotton Exchange's \$114,000 mortgage on its building, on the northeast corner of Hanover square and William street, to the Mutual Benefit Life Association, was filed in the Register's office yesterday.

C. Rosoway & Son, manufacturing jewelers and diamond dealers at 5 and 7 Maiden lane, one of the oldest concerns in the trade, failed yesterday, confessing judgment for \$10,527 in favor of M. H. Rosoway, wife of the senior partner. Liabilities, about \$20,000.

IRA A. HARTMAN, former Federal Reserve Board member receiving bribes from the Broadway Railroad, people will be called next week, and yesterday that he has retained Ira Shaler to defend him. He said that he had not yet spoken to Daniel Dougherty, and that he was of certain whether he could spend as much money on his defence this time as he did on his first trial. Mr. Dougherty is in Philadelphia.